
**ABRASION-RESISTANT IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL LEAD
AND A METHOD OF FABRICATING SUCH A LEAD**

Abstract of the Disclosure

An implantable medical lead comprises an insulating lead body housing having an outer surface. A thin, flexible membrane surrounds the insulating housing, the membrane having an inner surface confronting the outer surface of the housing. A lubricious interface between the inner surface of the membrane and the outer surface of the housing facilitates movement of the insulating housing relative to the membrane in response to frictional engagement of the membrane with adjacent structure. Also disclosed is a method of fabricating such a lead.